Schuette's Oak

Quercus x schuettei

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Quercus macrocarpa x bicolor

Description:

A medium-sized deciduous oak with a conical form, that broadens with age; extremely tough and adaptable to wet conditions; an excellent shade tree for moist landscape areas, as a specimen or street tree; acorns attract squirrels

Ornamental Features

Schuette's Oak has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The glossy lobed leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Schuette's Oak is a dense deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Insects
- Disease

Schuette's Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Schuette's Oak will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 300 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.